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AUCTION

—ON—

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Cobbler Seat Rockers, solid oak..	worth	9.00	now 6.50
Cobbler Seat Rockers, solid oak..	worth	10.00	now 7.50
Carpet Sweepers.....	worth	3.50	now 2.75
Carpet Sweepers.....	worth	4.00	now 3.00
Brussels Carpet, per yard	worth	1.50	now 1.00
44-Piece Tea Sets.....	worth	6.00	now 4.00

Other lines too numerous to mention in the same proportion.
Goods must be cleared out to make room for our new Spring Stock.

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TRUSTING TO LUCK.

The Sultan Hoping That Something May Turn Up to Relieve Him.

What Prince George's Flotilla Accomplished—Improved Conditions in Crete.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 15.—There is a disposition in official circles here to hold the powers responsible for anything that may happen in Crete. The Sultan has been prevailed upon by the ambassadors to refrain from sending reinforcements to Crete, and also been assured that the powers have decided not to permit the landing of Greek troops in Crete.

The council of ministers, it is semi-officially announced, has decided that Turkey will remain pacific pending the efforts of the powers to prevent direct Greek intervention in Crete, but it is further stated that if the powers are unsuccessful the Turkish government will be compelled to begin military operations on the Thessalian frontier, or. in other words, Turkey, will declare war against Greece and promptly invade the country.

This decision of the Porte has been officially communicated to the different embassies. There is no doubt that the willingness of the Sultan to apparently bow to the will of the powers in the present crisis is largely due to the impoverished state of the Turkish treasury. The situation is grave, and, as usual, the Sultan is calmly reckoning on coming out ahead by trusting to the jealousies of the powers and the advent of the unexpected.

CANEA, Feb. 15.—It is reported here that the Greek torpedo flotilla, commanded by Prince George of Greece, succeeded, in spite of the vigilance of foreign warships, in landing a quantity of arms, 800 cases of ammunition and 800 cases of provisions. The Cretan insurgents are gathered in large numbers on the hill tops at this place. It is also stated that the Greek warships intend landing a Greek company of artillery, eighty Greek artillerymen and some guns. The Cretan insurgents, after proclaiming their independence of Turkey and the union of Crete with Greece, Thursday, formed a provisional government. The Cretans are now in possession of a large part of the island and are threatening important towns. The landing of bluejackets and marines from the foreign fleets is contemplated. It is reported that a Turkish ship which attempted to leave Heraklion to-day was forced to return by a Greek cruiser.

ATHENS, Feb. 15.—The situation in Crete has somewhat improved. Desultory fighting is still reported. It is stated here that the insurgents are practically in possession of the whole island except the largest towns. If this is the case, union of Crete with Greece having been proclaimed, the independence of Cretans from Turkish rule is almost fait accompli, and it is difficult to see how the pre-existing order of things can be restored without joint action upon the part of the powers and the military occupation of Crete by foreign fleets. In official circles here this outcome is not believed to be possible, and there is a disposition now to quietly allow events to take their natural course, the idea being that Crete is practically free and likely to remain so unless subdued by the powers. Therefore the question to be discussed, it is said, is whether the powers will permit the Cretan insurgents to enjoy their independence and eventually ally themselves with Greece.

The opinion expressed in official circles here is that nothing short of a landing of blue jackets and marines from the foreign fleets will subdue the insurrection, and it is not believed that the powers can agree to take this step. Under these circumstances, therefore, Greece feels justified in the course she has adopted, even in the event of a conflict with Turkey.

The town of Canea is said to be tolerably quiet, but from 4,000 to 5,000 insurgents are near there awaiting reinforcements.

It is known that the Turkish officials in Crete have reported to the Porte that it is absolutely impossible to pacify the island without a very large force of troops, and the occupation of every town, village and mountain stronghold in the country. The hatred which has always existed between the Mussulmans and the Christians has been fanned to fever heat by the recent collisions between the insurgents and the Turks, and this feeling has been still further intensified by the proclamation of the independence of Crete from Turkish rule and its union with the kingdom of Greece. Conflicts of a more or less serious nature are reported from many parts of the island.

Macedonia has organized large bodies of Albanian Ghegs, ready to invade Thessaly and engage in guerilla warfare as a set-off to the Grecian-Macedonian movement. Whatever truth there is in this, it is certain there was unusual commotion in military circles in Athens on Friday.

A dispatch to the Times from Vienna says that the powers have made representations to the Grecian government which are not likely to be misunderstood at Athens, and which will not only check Greece and prevent that country from taking the law into its own hands, but which will also pacify the Sultan and prevent Turkish military action along the Grecian frontier.

A dispatch from Paris announces that the second class cruiser Bugueaud and a French torpedo boat will leave Toulon Tuesday for Canea.

Others have found health, vigor and vitality in Hood's Sarsaparilla, and it surely has power to help you also. Why not try it.

A few sample parasol top baby carriages at bargains. Weiler Bros. x

SOUTH AFRICAN COMMISSION.

The Examination of Cecil Rhodes Takes Place To-day.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The South African inquiry commission at its first meeting, just held, granted the application of Messrs. Cecil Rhodes, Alfred Best and Leonard Phillips to be represented by council, and it also decided to notify the cable companies to destroy no copies of cable messages between England and the Cape of Good Hope at the end of 1895. It is expected that the examination of Mr. Rhodes will take place on Tuesday. In this conjunction, the story of important documents showing the existence of a dangerous intrigue between the Transvaal and Germany, said to be in the possession of Mr. Rhodes, is revived. It was stated in December last, when Mr. Rhodes country house, near Cape Town, was burned, that a desperate attempt had been made by Boer or other agents to thus destroy the important documents. When this was suggested to Mr. Rhodes, who was then in the field against the Matabeles, he is reported to have laughed and to have pointed to a black bag that he had with him, intimating that the papers were safe. The mysterious black bag is said to have been the object of his continual solicitude while on his way to England recently.

DEEP WATER WAYS.

Proposed Amendment to the U. S. Sundry Civil Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Senator Davis, from the committee of commerce, has reported with favorable recommendation an amendment to the sundry civil bill introduced by Senator Davis, making an appropriation for a deep water way between the great lakes and Atlantic tidewater. The amendment was amended so as to require an estimate of the cost of such a canal as is required, as well as an examination and survey, so as to make $100,000 of the $150,000 appropriation immediately available, and to require that the work be done by a board of three army engineers.

THE CLERGY IN POLITICS.

Declaration in Montreal by a Prominent Local Liberal.

MONTREAL, Feb, 15.—(Special)—J. A. Briquart, a prominent local Liberal, speaking before the members of the Letellier club, said the provincial contest which was about to begin was a fight of the Canadian clergy against civil liberty in that province. When a priest preaches from the pulpit to remind us of our religious duties, he went on, it is God who speaks and he must be obeyed, but if he speaks politics he is no longer a man of God, but he becomes a politician, and we have the right to believe that our cause is as good as the one which he defends.

ONTARIO'S DEATH RECORD.

List of Those Who Died Yesterday.

TORONTO, Feb. 15.—The death record this morning includes Alex. McDonald, of Toronto, aged 84; Geo. Dawson, of Brampton, aged 75; Charles Cornish, of Toronto, aged 64; Wm. Winkler, of the Hotel Hanover, aged 43; John Billings Warner, of Lindsay, aged 52; and Mrs. S. Davidson, of Goodwood, aged 65.

OUR MINING INTERESTS.

The Latest Items of Importance From the Golden Camps of Kootenay.

(From the Golden Era.)

The Golden Lumber Co. are rushing in the ties to the C.P.R. at the rate of 1,200 a day. It is expected that they will this year furnish the C.P.R. with not less than 250,000.

Supt. White, Assistant Supt. Niblock and Master Mechanic Cross, of the C.P.R., passed through west on Tuesday in a private car on their way to Revelstoke. It is reported that their visit has something to do with the contemplated removal to Revelstoke of the C.P.R. shops.

The Anglo-Canadian Mining Co. have being doing extensive development work on their claims on Jubilee mountain and in the Ottertail district.

The Toronto syndicate who purchased the International last fall for $10,000 cash from the McMurdo estate will begin operations in the early spring.

Several development companies are being organized for the purpose of acquiring and developing claims in East Kootenay during the coming summer.

Messrs. Moodie and Drainard have concluded arrangements with a Vancouver syndicate for the development of the Sunday mineral claim near Ottertail. We hope they will strike it rich.

The Bald Mountain Mining & Development Co. are at work on a group of claims situate on Bald mountain, near Donald, and have run a tunnel in 100 ft. with satisfactory results. The company is composed of Calgary men, who are showing their faith in East Kootenay in a substantial manner.

The bond held by Vancouver parties on the claims Giant and Hidden Treasure, owned by William McNeish and Thomas Jones, of Golden, has been taken up and the first payment has been made thereunder. Thus some more good properties pass into the hands of the capitalists who are getting fond of East Kootenay properties.

Buy air tight heaters at Cheapside. x

It will pay you well to call at Marks', the workingman's friend, and leave your measure for a pair of fine worsted pants, only $3.00 x

Fine English worsted pants made to order for $3.00; can't be beat for less than $6.00. Marks, the workingman's friend, Government street. x

EFFECTS OF THE FIRE.

Expert Opinion on Restoration Work—Dominion Analyst for British Columbia.

Victoria, Vancouver and Eastern Railway—Incendiary Developments at Ottawa.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 15.—Hon. Mr. Tarte has brought up a building expert, Peter Lyall, of Montreal, to give his opinion in regard to rebuilding the western block. Mr. Lyall says that to make the building thoroughly fireproof the woodwork from the basement to the attic will have to be taken out and ironwork substituted. To do this work will take many months, but the building could be restored to its former condition in six or eight weeks.

Sir William VanHorne and Vice-President Shaughnessy were here on Saturday to object to a charter or aid being given to the Victoria, Vancouver and Eastern syndicate.

The British Columbia delegation saw Sir Henri Joly to-day to urge the appointment of Mr. Lawson, of Toronto, to the position of public analyst for British Columbia. The late government proposed to appoint Dr. Fagan, of Westminster, but the Governor-General withheld his signature.

The inland revenue department has issued orders that whiskey for export must be put up in cases branded "export," instead of stencilling these letters. In time past instances have arisen that exports of whiskey on which no excise duty was paid have been diverted to home consumption.

An innocent little query from the Ontario government on a matter of postage followed by a constitutional opinion from Sir Oliver Mowat, has led to cutting off the franking privileges enjoyed by the provinces for some years.

City postmasters have been advised that as soon as the postal guides for 1897 are out, which will be in about ten days, that the law will be enforced in reference to the classes of mail matter hitherto allowed free, which will have to pay postage at the rate of one cent for two ounces. The provincial secretaries of all the provinces have been apprised of the opinion of the Minister of Justice, and that franking privileges hereafter must be confined strictly within the limits laid down by the statute, viz: to petitions and addresses sent to the legislatures and to votes and proceedings and other papers printed by order of such legislatures.

Extraordinary incendiary developments occurred here to-day on three occasions, the fire brigade being called out by private alarms to the Harmon school, a young ladies seminary, which has a large number of boarders. The first alarm was at 10 o'clock last night in the basement of the building, which was quickly extinguished. Then at 1:30 a.m. the brigade was summoned for a fire in the class room. One of the girls was suspected and at 3 o'clock this afternoon Miss Harmon sent her home. Half an hour later there was a second fire in one of the class rooms. Fortunately in each case the damage was light. To-night as a matter of precaution all the girls are sleeping away from the building.

ST. BONIFACE BY-ELECTION.

Archbishop Langevin Calls on All Catholics to Vote Against the Liberal Candidate.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 15.—(Special)—The by-election for the local house opened in earnest and is becoming exciting. Mr. Brodeur, M.P., deputy speaker of the House of Commons, attempted to speak on behalf of the Liberal candidate on Saturday but was carried bodily from the platform by people, who said they did not want any traitors from Quebec to address them.

Yesterday morning Archbishop Langevin called on all true Catholics to vote against the Greenway candidate.

Mr. Brodeur will be in St. Boniface during the campaign and another M.P. will probably arrive on Wednesday to assist the Liberals, who, however, have a poor show for election.

In the bonspiel finals to-day Knight, of Brandon, defeated Dunbar, of Winnipeg, in the Walkerville contest; D. McArthur, Winnipeg, defeated McCarthy, of Regina, in the International; Rochon, Fort William, defeated J. W. Smith, Regina, in the Galt contest.

TRADE IN CANADA.

No Considerable Changes Apparent—Spring Prospects Hopeful—Several Disquieting Failures.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—R. G. Dun & Co., in their last weekly review, say of Canadian trade: "No considerable change appears, but orders for spring delivery in dry goods and hardware are fairly numerous at Toronto, and the outlook is considered better. At Winnipeg trade is but quiet, and collections are only fairly good. Montreal quotes no important increase, and business is but moderate, with collections slow. At Quebec the distribution of merchandise has been fair in most lines and a slight improvement is reported in collections. Wholesale trade at St. John, N.B., is fair for the season, but retail trade is very dull. The prospects for the spring trade are considered hopeful, though several failures during the week are disquieting. Vancouver reports a fair amount of business with no change in the general jobbing trade and collections not yet satisfactory. A number of vessels have arrived there to load lumber. Victoria reports trade quiet, both wholesale and retail, with fair collections."

FROM ASIATIC PORTS.

The "Olympia" From China and Japan Makes an Easy Landing in Bad Weather.

Rush to Alaska Commences—United States Behring Sea Patrol Fleet.

No more disagreeable day than yesterday could have been imagined for bringing a big ocean liner to the outer wharf, yet the Northern Pacific steamship Olympia docked with as little difficulty as though it was a wharf in the upper part of the harbor at which she was berthing. She came in at 2 in the afternoon from the quarantine station, where she arrived early in the day after a comparatively smooth voyage from China and Japan. She had a good number of Asiatic passengers aboard, including 52 Chinese and 37 Japanese for Victoria, and these with all their belongings were sent ashore for baths and fumigation before the vessel came on to port. They all hail from either Hongkong or Yokokama and have not, therefore, been so greatly exposed to smallpox contagion as if they had come from any other port en route. The steamer left Hongkong January 19; Kobe, January 28; and Yokohama, January 30. She had strong northeast wind and head seas down the Chinese coast and through the Japan stream; thence a succession of heavy southeast to west northwest gales with high confused seas and heavy snow was encountered to the meridian, which was crossed February 7 in 49° N. latitude. Strong westerly winds with heavy westerly sea were experienced during the remainder of the trip, and Cape Flattery was passed at 9 p.m. on Sunday, in thick weather with heavy rain. Only one saloon passenger arrived on the ship, F. M. Jonas, a well known naturalist, who is on his way to London. The ship's cargo for Victoria amounted to 400 tons of general freight, composed largely of rice, and in addition there was landed here 150 tons consigned to San Francisco. A new purser succeeds Mr. Galt aboard the Olympia in the person of Mr. Chains, who joined the vessel at Hongkong.

A DEFECTIVE NAVY.

A telegram from Washington says: "Sensation has been caused by the report made to the navy department by the specially appointed experts, is that many of the new vessels of the American navy are unfit to go to sea. The experts are credited with asserting that six battleships, twelve cruisers, seven gunboats, and two torpedo boats are unsafe. Changes have been ordered to be made immediately, which will cost millions of dollars. It is said that the rams are defective, that the torpedo tubes located in the bows endanger the safety of the vessels, that the tubes are too near the rams, and that if ramming be done the tubes will be smashed and the torpedoes therein exploded. It is said that vessels going at high speed and discharging their torpedoes would overtake the latter before they could strike the enemy, thereby endangering themselves and running the risk of being blown up by their own torpedoes. The torpedo tubes themselves have been found to be brittle. In time of action the ships would fight bow on, and the attempt to discharge a torpedo would be disastrous to the ship that made it. The tubes not only weaken the ramming power, but make it dangerous to ram, as the concussion might explode the torpedo in the tube. One of the officers in charge of the navy yard, interviewed relative to the alleged report and the changes being made, said: "The bow torpedo outfits are being removed from every ship in the navy, and we are now taking them from the battleship Massachusetts. We are unable to estimate the cost of all the alterations, but they will amount to some millions of dollars, and will require over a year to complete."

A RUSH TO ALASKA.

Indications point to another rush to Alaska this year, the disappointment of the thousands who returned from there last summer having had apparently no effect on the crowds who now seem bent on the trip. Last Sunday the steamer City of Topeka was in port on her way north, loaded beyond her cabin accommodations. Some of her passengers found sleeping room only on tables, chairs, etc., in the cabin. Nearly a dozen passengers embarked here and the majority of these, as also those aboad, were young and middle-aged men, intent on prospecting or aiding to develop some mining properties. The Al-ki, which sailed previous to the Topeka, was similarly conditioned in regard to passenger space, and both vessels also carried all the freight they had capacity for. It is yet early in the season for the Alaskan "boom" to commence, but from the manner in which those vessels were packed it seems as if it had truly started.

BEHRING SEA PATROL.

Information has been received from Washington that during the coming season the Behring sea patrol will consist of but three cutters, instead of six or seven, as in the past few years. They will be the cutters Rush, Grant and Perry. This year the Bear will take no part in the patrol, her detail being to look after the supply provisions to the whaling and reindeer stations in the Arctic. Ounalaska, it is understood, will be the home port of the fleet while in the north, all cruises being directed from there.

MARINE NOTES.

It was comforting to those on board the steamer Rosalie to realize yesterday that they were obliged to remain in port all day, and begin the vessel's new running schedule in the evening. In crossing to Victoria in the morning they had received all the wind and sea, and more than they desired. This morning the City of Kingston will be here from the Sound, and the Rosalie will not be due until evening.

Captain Edwards whose bark, the Wythop, was towed to sea from the Royal Roads on Sunday, lumber laden from Vancouver, had an interesting experience with a Terminal City sheriff before his departure from the Mainland. He was called upon to pay a debt for removing ballast from the Wythop, contracted by a second party who had sublet the work to a third individual, who had failed to make over any of the remuneration which he had received from the master of the vessel. The captain when called on by the sheriff never ventured outside his cabin door but locked himself within, and the vessel being taken hold of by a tug the sheriff was obliged to either decamp with his blue paper or leave on an extended voyage. The former alternative he decided to be the best.

The Canadian-Australian steamship Miowera sailed from Sydney, N.S.W., for Victoria and Vancouver on Wednesday last, with 50,000 pounds of overland cargo and 50 tons of mixed freight for Victoria. In addition to a good saloon passenger list the steamer carries ten steerage passengers.

The Port Townsend hydrographic office has been advised by Captain J. F. Allen of the N. Y. K. steamship Wakanoura, that a white buoy was passed by him three miles off Cape Flattery. There were black letters on the buoy, but they were not distinguishable.

The Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Company have chartered the ship Crown of England, now at Astoria, to load at Chemainus for the United Kingdom.

Tug Lorne towed the bark Alexandria to Vancouver on Sunday.

ENTERED.

Str. Charmer	from	Vancouver.
" Sehome	"	Port Townsend.
" Rosalie	"	" "
" City of Topeka	"	" "
" Constance	"	" "
" Maude	"	Comox.
" Olympia	"	Yokohama.
" Lorne	"	Sea.

CLEARED.

Str. Charmer	for	Vancouver.
" Sehome	"	Port Townsend.
" Rosalie	"	" "
" City of Topeka	"	Sitka.
" Lorne	"	Vancouver.
" Chieftain	"	Nanaimo.
" Maude	"	Comox.
" Olympia	"	Tacoma.

A CHANGE IN THE ESTIMATE.

School Trustees Meet the Request of the City Council by Dropping One Member of the High School Staff.

The board of public school trustees at a special afternoon meeting yesterday, took into consideration a request from the city fathers that they reduce in some way the estimate for teachers' salaries during the current year—and complied to the extent of $1,665. This saving was effected by cutting off two-thirds of the original estimate for "salary contingencies," making the amount under this head $500 instead of $1,500; dispensing with the services of one of the assistant masters at the High school; and, as a measure of compensation for the extra work thereby devolving upon them, increasing the salaries of each of the other assistants at this school by $5 per month. The original salary estimate for 1897 was $38,490; it now stands at $36,825.

Yesterday's meeting was opened with the reading of a formal communication from City Clerk Dowler, accompanying a report from the municipal finance committee, embodying the recommendation that "Whereas, the estimated value of assessable real estate for the current year in the city of Victoria will, in our opinion, be less than last year; and whereas, the report of the estimated expenditure of the school board shows a marked increase in the teachers' salaries for the present year; and whereas, the employes of the city have an equal claim for an increase of wages; therefore, we recommend that a resolution be passed that in the opinion of this council the revenue for the current year does not warrant any such increase, and this board respectfully request the board of school trustees to reconsider their decision, and report at as early a date as possible."

"We must do our best to husband the resources of the city," said Chairman Hayward, and the board at once gave itself to consideration of how this might best be done. The first resolution was presented by Trustee Yates, found a seconder in Trustee Belyea, and was in effect that the entire question of the estimate for teachers' salaries during 1897 be reconsidered. There was a division on this, and the vote standing 3 to 3, the chair decided the matter affirmatively.

Then the mover and seconder of this preliminary motion exchanged places, Trustee Belyea proposing and Trustee Yates seconding, "That the item of 'contingencies, $1,500,' in the salary list be eliminated." The others of the board thought that this would be going too far, and as a compromise Trustees Hall and Mrs. Grant suggested that the estimate be reduced to $500, it being so decided on a vote of 4 to 2 division, after an amendment in favor of a reduction to $1,000 had failed to fine a seconder.

The next move was in the direction of increase rather than decrease, Trustee McMicking proposing that the salaries of the assistant teachers at the High school be placed at $90 per month—this was a motion, he explained, that he had intended presenting at the last regular meeting, but had overlooked. High school teachers, whose qualifications were required to be much higher than those of any of the public school principals, should certainly have as much salary as these members of the staff.

With this argument Trustee Yates agreed—he thought, however, that the equalization might be more advantageously effected by reducing the principals to the level of the High school assistants than by increasing the salaries of the latter.

Trustee Hall saw a better method still of meeting the difficulty. He moved that the number of assistant teachers at the High school be reduced to two, the services of Mr. J. N. Muir being dispensed with.

It was parenthetically explained that Mr. Muir was no longer necessary to the school—that in fact there was considerable complaint in regard to him, and in any event he could well be spared.

Only Trustee McMicking opposed the resolution, pointing out that at the beginning of last year the board were seized with the itching to economize, although as the year advanced it was plainly demonstrated that the policy was a foolish and disadvantageous one. He advised his fellow-trustees to profit by past experience, nor imperil the usefulness of the High school by shortening the staff unnecessarily.

"It wouldn't hurt the High school much to discharge them all," philosophically observed Trustee Belyea. "That's my personal opinion in the matter."

The vote was then taken on Trustee Hall's resolution, and only Trustee McMicking voted a "nay."

He realized his opportunity a moment later, however, and moved, with Trustee Hall as seconder, that the salaries of the two assistants at the High school be placed at $1,080 per annum—the same as principals of the graded schools.

In amendment Trustees Belyea and Yates moved that the salaries of the principals be reduced to $85 per month—the other method of equalizing it.

The original motion prevailed.

"I now move that the other salaries remain as estimated," said Trustee McMicking.

"Seconded," said Mrs. Grant.

"And I will try again to get back to the principle we started out with," said Trustee Yates. "I move that the salaries of all teachers under the rank of first assistants be $600 a year, and the contingent fund be made sufficient to retain the best teachers by giving them supplementary grants. We all know that there are a number of teachers on our staff that should be dismissed for the advantage of the schools. We all know, too, that we should adopt some such scheme as I have proposed as a gentle way of getting rid of them."

The motion did not find a seconder nevertheless, and the board adjourned after accepting the motion of Trustees McMicking and Mrs. Grant.

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VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 14.—J. W. Haskins, manager of the Orphan Boy, says that in eleven years of active prospecting work he has staked out over 250 propositions and some of them are the most prominent claims in the province. He claims to have staked the first quartz claim ever recorded in British Columbia—namely, the Monarch mine at Field—which was afterwards lost to him in a lawsuit. Since then there has been $100,000 worth of work done on the mine. He was the first to locate claims in the Lardeau and Duncan, having located 40 claims in the Lardeau district alone. The best work that he had done, however, he claimed to have been in the Big Bend country, where some 60 quartz claims have been located by him. There are also many placer claims being worked, perhaps the most successful of them being the Consolidated French Creek Co., operating on McCullough creek, and averaging an output of $10 a day to the man, and this average has been kept up for a great many years, and the end is not yet. The Columbia hydraulic company are also drifting on French creek with great success, and $2,850 has been so far taken from French creek from a patch not more than three-quarters of a mile long. Chicago and Seattle firms are getting in machinery for their claims on French and McCullough creeks. Besides these a large number of smaller claims are also being worked along the numerous streams. There are also over forty leases in the country. Ten quartz claims staked by Mr. Haskins have recently been bonded by a Seattle syndicate, who purchased them from Vancouver owners.

It has often been said that mines in the Big Bend country could not be worked, owing to the expense of transportation. This, says Mr. Haskins, is a fallacy. A steamer could ply eight months in the year within eighteen miles of the principal camps, and call at numerous smaller camps all along the route. Machinery can be carried to the Orphan Boy—Mr. Haskin's mine—by going up the Columbia to the mouth of the Gold Stream, within eight miles of the mine. The government intends in the spring to build a new trail from the mouth of the Gold Stream to the camps on McCullough and French creeks. Heretofore a large hill called "the Devil's garden" had to be traveled. The new trail would shorten the route. The ore is all free milling, and after a mill is erected, costing $2,000 or $3,000, the actual cost of extracting the bullion, exclusive of mining, is about 60 cents a ton, abundance of water being handy for water power. Mr. Haskins said that since 1888 he had been trying to demonstrate that the Big Bend country was among the best mining sections in the province. For a long time he was about the only one who thought so; but he is making converts very fast now, and scarcely a day passes that some new deal is not under negotiation or a mine claim transferred, Mr. Ferguson, M.E., perhaps being the latest to interest large English capital in the camp.

City Clerk McGuigan is inviting tenders for the site of a drill shed.

The local stock market is still very dull. Golden Cache is yet the most active stock. Two Friends is held for 35 cents. These two stocks are practically all that are changing hands.

The annual report of the Orphan's Home showed that 41 children had been admitted to the home during the past year and 19 discharged, leaving at present 28 in the home; the oldest child is 13 years and the youngest eight months old. There had been no deaths during the year. Miss Penhale's management of the home has been reported as very satisfactory. The home is in a sound financial condition, having a balance on hand of $77.08.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Feb. 15.—G. W. Henry has been elected manager of the B. C. Fruit Exchange, and Mr. T. R. Pearson secretary.

There was a small attendance at the B. C. farmers' convention, though considerable business was done. H. T. Thrift, of Surrey, was elected president; W. H. Hayward, MacIntosh, vice-president, and a committee was appointed to revise the by-laws. In Mr. Hayward's address that gentleman stated that the farmers on the Island were much interested in the convention and were with them heart and soul. The slim attendance was not due to lack of interest, but to the inconvenience many of them would be put to in attending.

During the last year 39 cases were received in the Woman's hospital, 13 of them being operation cases. Much charitable work was done by the institution. Miss Phair, formerly of Toronto, a thoroughly competent nurse, is in charge.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Feb. 15.—Saturday a gang of miners entered the west level of the longwall workings of the Union colliery and on reaching a point where the roof is higher than in the surrounding slope owing to a fault crossing at that point, were received by a violent explosion of gas ignited by their naked pit lamp. Those who were injured were Mr. Thompson, overman of the mine, and another white man, both badly burned, and a Chinaman who had his arm broken by a falling piece of rock. None of the injuries are serious and all are doing well.

After a short illness of only ten days, Mr. Frank Rowbottom, proprietor of the Union bakery, an old and respected citizen of this city for many years, passed away at 10 o'clock on Friday night, Mr. Rowbottom had been suffering from inflammatory rheumatism, which during the last few days has been accompanied by a high fever and affection of the heart. He was 56 years of age and leaves a wife, three daughters and five sons to mourn their great loss. Deceased has also two brothers living here, Messrs. Fred and William Rowbottom. The family are natives of Churchanson, near Sheffield, and have lived in Nanaimo for nearly sixteen years.

KAMLOOPS.

(From the Inland Sentinel.)

Merchants at Alkali lake complain of a very light trade in furs, although furbearing animals seem to be more plentiful than ever. The Indians this winter are unwilling to trap.

Jack Hepburn has arrived to commence work on the Gold Cup mineral claim on Sugar Loaf mountain.

In spite of the weather the prospectors are busy all around the hills, and twenty-two fresh claims were recorded during the week.

Messrs. Cook and Armstrong, of Toronto, interested in the company operating the Iron Mask, were in town this week. They are pleased with the looks of things on Coal Hill. A rumor was current during the early part of the week that an offer of $25,000 had been made for the Iron Mask, but Mr. W. T. Newman denied all knowledge of such an offer.

The extreme dry weather of 1896 naturally left the Chilcoten cattle ranges in a barren state, stock was poor at the early approach of winter, and last of all, such a sudden, "snappy" change in the weather, lasting many days, was a severe shock on stock. The loss, however, is not so far great, but authentic reports state that a big loss on cattle is expected ere spring opens up. There is every indication of an early spring.

Mr. C. H. Olson, of Tacoma, was up a few days ago, accompanied by Mr. J. Patterson, of New Westminster. The object is to build a dredger near the junction of the Chilcotin river. This particular place has been long known to miners as being very rich, and has been more than once tested by wing dams, etc. Operations will commence on or about March 1. It will require some 30,000 feet of lumber to construct the scow. There have been at least twenty-five Chinese rocking in this vicinity, all apparently making a few dollars, as some 25,000 pounds of freight were shipped up along the river early last fall. Far up into the headwaters of the Chilcotin is a vast country that has never been thoroughly prospected. This region has every appearance of a gold-bearing surface and of the existence of quartz as well.

REVELSTOKE.

(From the Kootenay Mail.)

The concentrator at Laurie is fast nearing completion under the management of Mr. Abeling, and will be in good running order by April 1.

Hugh McPherson, of the Great Northern, at Trout Lake, is steadily sorting and packing ore, and will keep on shipping while cowhiding lasts. Craig and Hillman, who have the contract for freighting this ore, have about 40 tons to the Landing. The cost of getting Great Northern ore down from the mine to Arrowhead is about $15 a ton and from there to Nelson $2.50.

CARIBOO.

(From the B.C. Mining Journal.)

It is reported that an Eastern company has taken a bond on the Blackwater, owned by Miller and Bressler, and that they will commence work as soon as possible.

A few men are steadily working at the Law claim and the tunnel is now carried about 150 feet into the hill side. It is expected that in the early spring the force will be largely augmented.

A special stage has arrived at Quesnelle carrying a party of six miners to work for Mr. Marsh at the quartz mines near Barkerville.

A good telegraph office has been opened at Pavilion, on the Ashcroft, Lillooet line, for the convenience of the public, with R. Cummings as operator. It will be thoroughly appreciated by the Pavilionites.

The Occidental claim, owned by Perkins and Bowron, is to be developed this spring, Mr. Baker, of the Cottonwood claim, having decided to investigate its possibilities.

The steamer Charlotte is being lifted from her bed of ice. D. McCaskill is superintending the construction of ways and means of hauling her on to terra firma, and it is hoped that a few days more will find her raised beyond the possibility of danger.

News of another Chinese case comes from down the Fraser a few miles below Ashcroft. A Chinaman was found dead with his throat cut. The affair, which is supposed to be one of the secret murders ordered by Chinese clan.

Edward Hunt, an employe of Charles Pennie at Pennieston, was in Ashcroft this week and brought with him several samples of rock from the claims recently staked in that vicinity. The rock looks very good, some of it resembling the Kamloops rock. As soon as the snow goes off in that neighborhood quite a number are going out to prospect the hills thoroughly.

J. S. Mitchell, of the Bonaparte mines, was in Ashcroft on Monday after an inspection of the work done for the past month. Mr. Mitchell had some fine samples of rock that he was sending to his company's headquarters at London, England. The quartz or ore was a copper-silver ore, carrying about 50 ounces silver and 15 per cent. copper. Mr. Mitchell informs us that he has about 800 feet of shafting and tunneling on the claim, and that the ledge on which the principal work is being done is 20 feet or more wide and is mineralized all through but not sufficiently to as yet pay for concentration.

GREAT COPPER FIND.

A Remarkable Discovery Near the Boundary Line.

(From the Spokane Chronicle.)

Paul Gaston, the well known mining man, returned from a month's trip to Victoria and other British Columbia points yesterday, bringing back with him the evidences of what is regarded as the greatest copper discovery ever known in any country. The evidence of the find consisted of a sack of about 150 pounds of ore which is unquestionably the richest copper bearing rock that has ever been brought to this city, and mining men who have seen the samples state without reservation that it carries more native copper than any previous discovery ever made.

If the evidence of the find is to be believed, and there is little reason to doubt it, the new discovery is destined to rival the great Butte and Anaconda copper camps, for according to Mr. Gaston's version there are immense bodies of this rich ore, from which the sample he has with him were taken. A pleasing feature of the new discovery, if true as reported, is that it will open up another large mining district tributary to Spokane and at the same time add fame to it as a great mining centre.

The exact location of the discovery is not definitely known, for the reason that Mr. Gaston declined to give up this secret for the present, or until he has made secure his holdings in the rich find; but he stated to a reporter that the new district extends from near the northern boundary of Okanogan county across the line into British Columbia. As the northern boundary of Okanogan extends a great many miles, the description of its location is rather indefinite, but nothing more satisfactory would Mr. Gaston divulge until his return from a second visit to the discovery, when he said he would have no hesitancy in revealing the exact location of the immense copper ledge.

Among the samples brought to the city by Mr. Gaston was one specimen of pure native copper as large as a man's fist. All the other samples showed the rock was fairly seamed with the bright metal. So rich was it that some who examined the specimen declared that it was simply matte that had been run through a smelter. To ascertain if this was true the reporter picked up a piece of the rock from the pile of samples and took it to C. M. Fasset, the well known assayer, who, after a brief inspection, unhesitatingly pronounced it the virgin ore as taken from the ground.

"I have just bonded fourteen new claims in the new district," said Mr. Gaston, "and expect to bond some additional claims. When I have safely secured them I will then give you the location of the new camp, which in my estimation is destined to become a second Butte and Anaconda. This ore is contained in an immense body that is well nigh inexhaustible. The ledge, which is well defined for a distance of several miles, runs from twelve to forty feet in width on the surface and extends from the northern boundary in Okanagan county across the line into British Columbia. Assays which I had made from the rock at Victoria showed returns of from ten to ninety per cent. copper, $6 to $16 in gold, with just a trace of silver. At Seattle I gave a friend a sample of pure native copper weighing about seventy-five pounds, just as it came from the ledge. On my next trip up there I shall bring back with me several hundred pounds of the rock."

A large number of mining men visited Mr. Gaston's rooms yesterday and today to inspect the rock and learn the particulars of the new district. Everyone who came up carried away a sample with him until now Mr. Gaston has but very little left of the 150 pounds of ore he brought with him. The discovery has created great excitement and no doubt when the exact location of the new district becomes known a rush will be made for locations.

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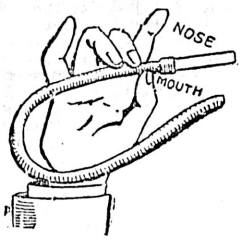

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OUR CLAIMS ON THE DOMINION.

At a meeting of the Chignecto Ship Railway Company held in London hope was expressed that the Dominion government would shortly restore the subsidy of $170,000, which was promised to the company for twenty years and became forfeit through the failure of the company to carry out its part of the agreement. According to the report of the meeting in the London Times the company's agent, who had just returned from Canada, said that they held a promise from the late government to restore the subsidy if it was made clear that the company was in a position to carry on its work. The agent said that "from what he could hear of the present premier" the subsidy would be restored. We refer to the matter to point out that the amount of the subsidy, $170,000 a year for twenty years, would pay the interest at 3 per cent. upon nearly $6,000,000, and that if such a grant were given in aid of railways in British Columbia it would ensure the construction of many miles of road. We are not objecting to the extension of this aid to the Chignecto Ship Railway. The merits of that project were fully discussed at the time the parliamentary vote was made. There always was a difference of opinion as to the value of the undertaking, but the government seemed to be satisfied that it was a work for the advantage of Canada, and included the amount asked for in the charges upon the revenue. The point we wish to make is that the Maritime Provinces were never deterred, when they approached the government with a demand for assistance, by any considerations of modesty. A hundred and seventy thousand dollars a year for twenty years for a ship railway of doubtful value was certainly not a timid request, and its concession certainly cannot be said to have indicated anything like a niggardly disposition on the part of parliament or the government. British Columbia might well take a leaf out of the book of her Eastern sisters in this particular. The construction of the ship railway might prove to be of very considerable service to a certain class of shipping, but it would add very little to the population of the country, would open no new territory to settlement, would not facilitate the development of any new resources. It was not claimed that by the expenditure of this vast sum the revenue of the Dominion would be increased. The application was made simply on the ground that the railway would be a convenience to navigation.

It is not necessary to repeat that the assistance which British Columbia asks from Canada is for works of a different class. We ask for aid for railways; but we are able to point out that every mile of road constructed for the purpose of opening new sections of this province means not only that facilities for the investment of capital will be provided and that colonization will keep pace with railway construction, but that the direct result to the revenue of the Dominion will undoubtedly more than balance the charges entailed by it. More than $33,000 were collected in duties at the port of Nelson in January. The returns for the rest of the year will greatly exceed this amount. We probably understate the case when we say that Kootenay will pay the Dominion, directly and indirectly, in customs and excise more than a million dollars in 1897. It must be conceded that what has been done in Kootenay can be repeated in several parts of the province. It will probably be repeated in East Kootenay as soon as the Crow's Nest Pass road is built. That is to say the influx of population and the mining development which will in all probability follow the construction of the railway just mentioned will lead to an increase in the revenue of the Dominion sufficient to repay the whole cost of the road in ten years. Yet we have been told, and will probably be told again, that in view of the intention of the government to provide for the construction of this railway, British Columbia ought not to ask anything more at present. We do not say that this position has been taken by the government, for as far as we know it has not been; but we do say that the people of this province, and the government representing them, have no occasion to hesitate about making a bold demand for aid to railway construction. We have some reason to believe that such a demand will receive prompt attention.

DR. SELWYN'S BREAK.

Our Montreal exchanges contain full reports of the meeting of the Federated Canadian Mining Institute at which Dr. Selwyn made his telegraphed statement about Canada as a mining field. The telegraphic synopsis of his remarks hardly did him justice. He had been reviewing the whole Canadian mineral region, and concluded by saying that he considered it a fallacy to hold that the Dominion is exceptionally rich as a mining country. Later he said: "With money and enterprise I think it will ultimately develop into a good mining country." He doubted, however, if it would ever equal as a gold producer the smallest Australian province. Dr. Dawson was at the same meeting. He said that in speaking of mining in Canada some distinctions should be made; but in regard to this province he remarked: "Without any doubt British Columbia is the greatest hope of the country in regard to mineral wealth. It was precisely analogous to the belt to the south, which, excluding coal, was producing nine-tenths of all the precious minerals in the United States. There is a magnificent mining future before British Columbia." Professor Hardman spoke of British Columbia. He was especially complimentary in his references to the country of which Fort Steele is the centre, saying that he believed it would be one of our greatest producing districts. "Give the province time to grow," he said, "kill the boom, let the country have a chance to live legitimately and there is no doubt that British Columbia will be the brightest jewel in the crown of the Dominion." Dr. Dawson remarked that Prof. Hardman's observations went far to justify the confidence that was felt in mining in this province, and this brought Dr. Selwyn to his feet with the remark that the professor's views were the same as he had advanced in 1885. When the first report of Dr. Selwyn's remarks were published we took occasion to express a doubt whether it represented his true views, and the full synopsis of the proceedings of the meeting at which they were made fully bears out this idea.

THE Winnipeg Tribune says that the Hon. Mr. Fielding has a quick incisive way of conducting the tariff investigation, which exposes him to adverse criticism, but adds that his critics ought to remember that he is a trained newspaper man, and as such has acquired the habit of going straight to the point. There is no doubt that this is the tendency of newspaper training. Sometimes it gives the appearance of brusqueness to a man's manner; but it is to be remembered that the newspaper man spends his time under pressure. What he wants to know he wants to learn as quickly and directly as possible. The paper must come out on time, and therefore he gets into the habit of "cutting across lots," so to speak, when another man would take time to go around the corner.

THE Czar is subject to epileptic fits and will be compelled to abandon more of his imperial functions to the new council of state that is about to be created. Seeing that his grandfather lived in daily dread of assassination only to fall a prey to murderers at last; that his father never had an hour's rest in his life when in Russia, and that he himself has never known an easy moment, the marvel is that he has any nerves left. Presumably, Czars get measurably used to this sort of thing, as people do who work in dynamite factories.

THE American naval manœuvres have not been a success. In the first place, the ships were badly knocked about in a gale, four men being drowned and a large number injured. In the next place, the crack ship Indiana stood the strain of rough weather so badly that she was sent into port; the trouble was with her turrets. The object of the manœuvres was to blockade Charleston harbor; but they were a failure, for the blockade runner, the Vesuvius, successfully ran in past the ships on the only two trials made.

AN Ottawa dispatch credits the Minister of Railways with a determination to have the Crow's Nest Pass railway built by the government, also with the intention of securing the Intercolonial running rights over the Grand Trunk from Point Levis to Montreal, and ultimately of bringing about a connection between the Grand Trunk and the Crow's Nest Pass road. A competing line from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast is one of the matters which Mr. Blair is said to have determined on.

IN our list of contributions to the Indian famine fund appears the Mayne Island public school. Under the circumstances the sum given is highly creditable to the school, which has set an honorable example to the schools of the province.

How crime begets crime. The fact that one tramp killed another because he would not give him twenty-five cents leads the Spokane Chronicle to say that no quarter was given on either side. Which of these two bits of depravity is the worse we shall not try to decide.

THE Winnipeg Nor'-Wester says the position taken by the tariff commissioners at the sessions held in that city indicates that no serious changes from the present tariff may be looked for.

THE CANADIAN PRESS.

THE POINT ELLICE DISASTER.

The taxpayers of the whole province should not be held responsible, or be made to pay for the neglect of either the corporation of Victoria or the Consolidated Railway Company. It may be that the hint thrown out by the Attorney-General was but a hint—a feeler as it were—to test the sense of the Assembly. We can assure him and his colleagues that from whatever standpoint viewed the action suggested would be not only dangerous, but illegal.—Vancouver World.

FOR A NEW MINING DISTRICT.

A petition is being circulated in the district praying for the appointment of I. A. Dinsmore, constable at Grand Forks, to the position of mining recorder at that point, should a record office be established there in the near future. We would suggest a line running due north from a point on the international boundary line at or near the mouth of Fourth of July creek, as a division between the two mining districts, should another one be established.—Midway Advance.

HIGHWAYS NEEDED.

But railway facilities are not the only things which are necessary for our progress and prosperity. Indeed, the extension of railways will effect but little if the wagon roads throughout the province are not improved and new ones built so as to enable the farmer and stockman to reach the railways.—News-Advertiser.

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LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

The "clerical error" in regard to the B. C. Southern legislation is to be amended by a short Act. Speaking of clerical errors recalled an observation of the Master of the Rolls in New Brunswick. A lawyer discussing a statute before him said that he knew the provision under consideration was marred by "a clerical error." "A clerical error!" said the Master, a judge of the old school. "A clerical error in an act of Assembly is an impossibility." Nevertheless clerical errors do occur. A curious one very nearly crept into the act to incorporate the town of Milltown, N.B. Providing for the annual meeting, it said that it should be held "on the second Tuesday in January unless the said second Tuesday in January shall fall on Sunday, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, or Good Friday, in either of which cases it shall be held on the third Tuesday." The error was detected just before the act was sent in for the governor's signature, and it was amended in both houses with a celerity that would have done credit to any lightning change artist in the world.

In presenting the return of the expenses incurred in connection with the loan of 1895 the Premier again laid emphasis upon the importance of the fact of the motion having been permitted to pass not being construed into a precedent. The government were willing to give the house the information asked for, but the house ought to guard very jealously its rights in matters of this kind, and these extended far enough to give it full control over the provincial finances, and it is not necessary to ask the Lieutenant-Governor for information regarding them. The house can order the information to be furnished.

The act for the incorporation and regulation of trading companies, introduced by the Attorney-General yesterday, contains 134 sections and a very copious appendix in the form of schedules. Very many of the provisions are new, and are based upon the Imperial Act, 53 and 54, Victoria, Cap. 62.

Many of the questions asked in the house yesterday stand over for to-day. The information asked for is of such a character that it takes time to prepare it. Some of the matters dealt with in the questions would be more appropriately presented in the form of a motion for an address.

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THE CITY.

A.O.U.W. HALL will be the scene tomorrow evening of a first-class athletic exhibition.

THE telegraph lines were down during the greater part of yesterday. The first page of COLONIST dispatch did not arive till after midnight, after which it was a case of brief messages at long intervals.

DR. J. DE C. HATHAWAY will repeat his popular illustrated lecture on New Zealand, at St. Colomba's church this evening. As a supplementary attraction a meritorious musical programme will be provided by a number of talented city vocalists.

TWO IMPORTANT changes are reported in connection with well known Victoria law firms, Mr. L. P. Duff retiring from the firm of Hunter, Duff & Oliver, which now becomes Hunter & Oliver, and associating himself with Bodwell & Irving, the title of that firm to be hereafter Bodwell, Irving & Duff.

As a special attraction this week, and at a great cost, Mr. J. A. Lawrence has engaged the services of Mr. G. Walsh, musical director of New York, who will render piano selections during the hours of 12 and 3, and 5 and 9 each day. The ladies and gentlemen of Victoria should not miss hearing Mr. Walsh, as he is one of the finest pianists in the States. x

RIGHT REV. BISHOP CRIDGE, of the Church of Our Lord, assisted by Rev. Dr. Wilson, officiated on Sunday last at the funeral of Mrs. Haynes, the solemn services being held at the residence of Mrs. Burt—a daughter of the deceased—and at Ross Bay cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. J. Hepworth, Allan Graham, James Dougbty, Geo. Haynes, J. H. Meldram and W. H. Huxtable.

MANY friends yesterday accompanied to the grave the mortal remains of Mrs. Cameron, of the Dallas road, while those who found it impossible to attend in person sent tokens of their sympathy for the afflicted family in the form of floral tributes to the worth and popularity of the departed lady. The services at the home and at Ross Bay were conducted by the pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, while the following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. A. Jack, J. D. Warren, W. Clark, D. McLean, A. McLeod and J. Mann.

MAGISTRATE MACRAE was present at yesterday's session of the city police court for the first time since the accident which has confined him to his room during upwards of a week. In celebration of the occasion the police had a full list of cases, more or less important, with drunks and vags in the majority. George Furnell, one of the former, had, as a side feature, succeeded in breaking several windows during the progress of his spree, and hence it is that his fine was $10 instead of the regulation $5 and costs. Mr. Macrae expects to be able henceforth to continue his judicial duties, and the session of the Small Debts court will accordingly be held as usual to-morrow.

THE "Devil's Auction," which opened at the Victoria last night, is a bright and amusing vaudeville. It goes with a rush from start to finish. A thread of dramatic plot runs throughout it, but of course no one pays any attention to this. The costumes are very pretty and the dancing and grouping are very artistic. The fun is of the kind that provokes laughter without giving offense by coarseness. There is some good scenery and the light effects are very well managed. The management has succeeded in presenting new ideas in the ballet, which are quite refreshing to those who are accustomed to the time-worn stage evolutions. None of the singers can make much claim to artistic merit, but there is a snap and life to their work which atones in a large measure for this defect. The trapeze work was good and novel. In short, the performance fully sustains the promise of the advance notices. A full house greeted the company, and undoubtedly the theatre will be filled at the matinee this afternoon and at this evening's performance.

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MASTER AND SERVANT ACT.

Provisions of the Bill Introduced Yesterday by the Attorney-General.

The act respecting master and servant introduced by the Attorney-General yesterday, in the legislative assembly, is an important piece of legislation, that will be of general interest. The principal sections of the act provide as follows:

2. No voluntary contract of service or indentures entered into by any parties shall be binding on them, for a longer time than a term of nine years from the day of the date of such contract. C. S. U. C., c. 75, s. 2.

3. It shall be lawful in any trade, calling, business, or employment, for an agreement to be entered into between the workman, servant, or other person employed, and the master or employer, by which agreement a defined share in the annual or other net profits or proceeds of the trade or bussness carried on by such master or employer may be allotted and paid to such workman, servant, or person employed, in lieu of or in addition to his salary, wages or other remuneration; and such agreement shall not create any relation in the nature of partnership, or any rights or liabilities of co-partners, any rule of law to the contrary notwithstanding; and any person in whose favor such agreement is made shall have no right to examine into the accounts, or interfere in any way in the management or concerns of the trade, calling, or business in which he is employed under the said agreement or otherwise; and any periodical or other statement or return by the employer of the net profits or proceeds of the said trade, calling, business, or employment, on which he declares and appropriates the share of profits payable under the said agreement, shall be final and conclusive between the parties thereto, and all persons claiming under them respectively, and shall not be impeachable upon any ground whatever.

4. Every agreement of the nature mentioned in the last preceding section shall be deemed to be within the provisions of this act, unless it purports to be excepted therefrom, or this may otherwise be inferred.

5. All agreements or bargains, verbal or written, between masters and journeymen, or skilled laborers, in any trade, calling, or craft, or between masters and servants and laborers, for the performance of any duties or service of whatsoever nature, shall, whether the performance has been entered upon or not, be binding on each party for the due fulfilment thereof; but a verbal agreement shall not exceed the term of one year. C.S.U.C., c. 75, s. 3.

6. No tavern keeper or boarding-house keeper shall keep the wearing apparel of any servant or laborer in pledge for any expenses incurred to a greater amount than six dollars, and on payment or tender of such sum, or of any less sum due, such wearing apparel shall be immediately given up, whatever be the amount due by such servant or laborer; but this is not to apply to other property of the servant or laborer. C. S. U. C., c. 75, s. 6.

7. If, after the termination of an engagement between master and servant, any dispute arises between them in respect of the term of such engagement, or of any matter appertaining to it, the justice or justices of the peace who receive the complaint shall be bound to decide the matter in accordance with the provisions of this act, and as though the engagement between the parties still subsisted; but proceedings must be taken within one month after the engagement has ceased.

Section 8 provides that any written agreement or bargain made outside of B.C. for the performance of duties in B.C. it can be enforced within British Columbia similarly to a bargain made within the province.

Section 9, 10, 11 and 12 provide for the carrying out of the act; summary proceedings before justices of the peace being provided, the amount of wages that can be sued for under the act being limited to $50. An appeal is provided similar to that in the "Summary Convictions Act."

As there seems to be a misunderstanding regarding my new private dining rooms up stairs, I would have it distinctly understood that these rooms have been fitted up by me for strictly first-class dinner parties. They will be handsomely finished in plush and oak, and will have a seating capacity for 100 people Lawrence, the caterer, 75, 77 and 34 Government street. x

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THE POWDER MAGAZINE

Park Committee Chairman Wants to Know When He Can Have the Key.

Estimates, Firemen's Troubles and Invertavish Estate to Be Discussed Wednesday Evening.

A question of general interest to come up at the meeting of the city council last night was the report of the special committee appointed last week to suggest some means of bringing about the building of an admiralty house at Esquimalt. The committee recommended that the Mayor be requested to appoint a committee to consult with the city barrister and city solicitor for the purpose of asking the government to amend the Municipal Clauses act so as to give the city such power as will enable it to expend a certain sum outside of the corporate limits with the object of providing for the erection of a residence for the admiral of the Pacific fleet on this station, and also levy a special rate for this purpose. This report was adopted and Ald. McCandless, Partridge and Harrison appointed as a committee to carry out the recommendation.

Next came a street committee report, the principal item in it being that for $2,000 for excavating rock for street repairing.

Some discussion arose as to whether the tenders for a street sprinkler and dump cart should be read in council or referred to the street committee and purchasing agent at once.

Ald. McGregor was for having the tenders read in open council before referring them to committee.

Ald. Stewart explained that there could be nothing unfair in sending them direct to the committee as after the tenders were opened they would be on file at the purchasing agent's office, where anyone could see them.

At the suggestion of the Mayor a special meeting will be held on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock to consider the estimates.

Ald. McGregor remarked that the firemen had a grievance that should come up. The chief and firemen should all have a chance to state their position, and he would like to see the matter made one of the subjects of Wednesday's meeting.

This was agreed to and it was also decided to take up at the same meeting Hon. J. S. Helmcken's offer to sell part of the Invertavish estate for the extension of the park.

The Brackman & Ker Milling Co. wrote that although assured as far back as 1890 that Erie street would be opened up, they were still dependent on private suffrance to get access to their mill. The letter was referred to the streets committee and engineer to report.

Swinerton & Oddy drew attention to the fact that whereas the specifications for the garbage removal contract required the scow to be kept at the wharf at the foot of Herald street, that the wharf was their property.

The communication was referred to the purchasing agent and city solicitor for report at the first meeting of the council.

The letter which Mr. and Mrs. Auld wrote to the Mayor in acknowledgement of the sympathy shown them on the death of their young son last week was read and filed.

An offer by Mr. E. Mohun of an up-to date city map for the price of $500, moved Ald. Harrison to say that a good map of the city was badly wanted and he hoped that the matter would be laid over a week to inquire into.

There was no time like the present, according to Ald. McGregor, who wished to buy the map at once.

The Mayor, who had examined the map, expressed himself as satisfied that it was the best one of the city ever prepared, at the same time due consideration should be taken before acting.

This seemed to be the opinion of the majority of the council, for Ald. Harrison's resolution to lay the letter over for a week was adopted.

The request of the Victoria District Fruit Growers' Association for a conference with the council with a view to discussing the market by-law, and also securing the market hall for business and exhibition purposes during the coming fruit season next came up.

The Mayor was given power to arrange for the meeting.

The cemetery caretaker having sent in his resignation, it was accepted, and applications are to be called at once for someone to fill the position.

On receipt of the city clerk's usual weekly report as to how he had disposed of the letters he received during the week for the various committees, Ald. McGregor moved that hereafter any communication intended for the streets committee be sent in three days previous to a council meeting.

"Too much red tape," called out Ald. Harrison.

Ald. McGregor could not see it in that light, and stuck to his opionion. "We must have that in writing Ald. McGregor," said the mayor, and the worthy alderman sought the assistance of the city clerk to draw it up. Then he made the round of the board trying to get a seconder but without success and had to drop his resolution.

Just before adjournment, Ald. Hall wondered whether the city were going to get the key of the old powder magazine. He believed that the caretaker of the drill hall had it, and would like to know if the city clerk had any communication saying whether or not the city could have the key.

The reply was in the negative, so it still looks as if the park "biot" is not to be wiped out at once.

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PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Third Session of the Seventh Parliament.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, Feb. 15, 1897.

Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock. After prayers by Rev. S. Cleaver,

Mr. Kellie presented a petition for a private bill to incorporate water works at Trail.

Mr. Helmcken moved, seconded by Major Mutter, that owing to the depressed condition of agriculture, the question of the assessment of agricultural lands calls for the immediate attention of this parliament.

In speaking to his motion Mr. Helmcken said he did not mean to convey the idea that the government had not been alive to the agricultural interests, for he thought that they had shown themselves anxious to assist the farmers, as had been proved by the establishment of the bureau of agriculture, but what he desired to get at was that the farmers wanted some protection that would prevent their improvements being taxed up to a certain extent. It might be argued that under the present act the farmers had ample opportunity to appeal if they were assessed too high, but he would like to see the act amended so that they would not have the expense of taking an appeal.

The Premier remarked that the resolution was a very important one, but the gentleman who moved it had really answered the question himself. The duty of the assessor was, according to the law in force, to assess the land at the price it would bring in settlement of a just debt, and if the farmer was not satisfied, he might appeal. This appeal did not necessitate the retention of a solicitor for many of the farmers conducted their own appeals. The government did not wish to over-tax the farmer, but to relieve him from taxation as much as possible. The question brought up as to the exemption of improvements was an important one and had already been taken into consideration to a large extent, for the practice was to tax improvements as lightly as possible. At the same time the resolution was well worthy of consideration and he would be very happy to vote for it.

The resolution was carried.

Mr. Helmcken moved, seconded by Major Mutter, for a return showing all transactions of the provincial government with any person or persons, company or companies, with respect to the "Creameries Act, 1895"; said returns to furnish (a), the names of all persons or companies to whom or which aid has been extended; (b), amount of said aid; (c), location of any such creamery.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Macpherson moved, seconded by Mr. Kidd: That this house is of opinion that the authority conferred upon the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to sell lands should not apply to lands upon the sea coast and navigable arms, inlets and rivers as far as navigable, as it is impossible at present to say what portions of said lands may in future be required for fishing stations, and that no applications already made for which crown grants have not been issued should be granted, but that leases be granted in lieu thereof, unless the applicants already have lease, in which case their applications for crown grants should be cancelled.

The debate on the resolution was adjourned for a day.

Mr. Helmcken moved, seconded by Mr. Huff for copies of the case submitted to the Full court in the following matters: The Small Debts Act, 1895; the Coal Mines Regulation Amendment Act, 1890, together with the judgments delivered therein respectively."

The Attorney-General had no objection to the motion, which was carried.

Mr. Kennedy moved, seconded by Mr. Forster, for a return of all correspondence with the Dominion government resulting from the motion of Feb. 14, 1896, respecting the quarantine regulations at William Head. Carried.

Mr. Hume moved, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, for a return showing the number of land transactions in West Kootenay for the year 1896.

Mr. Hume explained that the reason he made this motion was to show the number of transfers of land in West Kootenay, in support of the desire there for a land registry office.

The premier was afraid that this resolution interfered with the revenue, and therefore suggested that it be laid over. The information could easily be obtained without causing a return to be brought down.

The debate was accordingly adjourned.

Mr. Helmcken moved, seconded by Dr. Walkem, that an address be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor praying him to move the Dominion government to take into consideration the desirability of increasing the per capita tax on Chinese coming into the Dominion, and urging that in the opinion of this house three-fourths of all moneys received in British Columbia ports from the present tax or (if such tax be increased) three-fourths of such increased revenue, should be paid into this province, as the chief injury from the presence of the Chinese is sustained by the Province and not by the Dominion.

Dr. Walkem suggested that, as several members were absent from the house, the debate be adjourned. This was accordingly agreed to.

Mr. Kellie moved, seconded by Mr. Hume, for copies of all correspondence between this government and any member thereof, and any person or persons, company or companies, in relation to the proposed construction of railways from the coast to the Columbia river, or to any part of the Kootenay district.

Mr. Kellie said he wanted to know if any real practical survey of this road had been made, if any scheme had been laid before the government, and if the promoters were worthy of having assistance from the government in aid of their road. The motion was carried.

Mr. Kellie moved, seconded by Mr. Hume, for a return showing the number of provincial and foreign joint stock companies incorporated or registered under all acts relating to joint stock companies, giving the capital stock of each, the date of registration, and the registered and head office of any and all such companies. This was carried.

Mr. Irving asked the Provincial Secretary: "What has been promised to the people who propose to settle on the north end of Vancouver island? Will the government send down to this house a copy of all correspondence relating to the above subject?

The Provincial Secretary replied: "The same as to the colonists at Bella Coola, viz., a lease for five years rent free, and a free grant of 160 acres at the end of that time, provided $5 per acre improvements are made on the lands, and not less than thirty settlers to commence the colony, each settler to have $300 cash (or its equivalent) of his own."

Mr. Graham asked the Provincial Secretary: "Is it the intention of the government to rescind or alter the conditions contained in sub-section (11), section 31, of the 'British Columbia Railway Act,' so that the government may have a greater degree of control over railway rates than they have hitherto had?"

The Provincial Secretary—"The question is now under consideration."

Mr. Graham asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works: "How many applications were made for coal lands in the vicinity of White lake, near Fairview? Also, how many applications for similar lands on Rock creek, near Osoyoos? Upon what date or dates were these applications made? What reason was assigned for the refusal of these applications?"

The Provincial Secretary replied as follows: "Nine applications in the vicinity of Rock creek were made, dated May 25, 1896, and one in the vicinity of White lake, dated May 28, 1896. The applications were received in Victoria June 15 and July 2. They were refused on the ground that following the reasoning of the Supreme Court of Canada in the Farwell case the publication by the applicants of a notice of their intention to apply for a coal prospecting license confers upon them no immediate right, and the land in respect of which the applications are all made having been included in a railway reserve (made under special statutory authority before the receipt by the Chief Commissioner of the applications for licenses) are not any longer land held by the crown for the benefit of the province."

The Attorney-General in moving the second reading of the act to amend the Co-operative Associations' Act, 1896, stated that it was for the purpose of repealing sub-section 7 of section 17. This section provided among other things for a penalty clause, which the Minister of Justice, Sir Oliver Mowat, feared might affect the subject of criminal law that came under the powers of the Dominion, and recommended that the province should reconsider the section with a view to its repeal.

The second reading was passed without debate.

Hon. Mr. Turner in bringing down the returns asked for by Mr. Helmcken in respect to the expenses of floating the loan of 1895, said that while not objecting to the motion he was of opinion that the order should have been by an order of the house and not by a motion of a private member. One or two items, as for instance, the names of the subscribers were not brought down, but could be seen at the finance department. The subscribers objected to their names being published and it was never done by other provinces.

Mr. Sword inquired if the prospectuses were included, and to this Hon. Mr. Turner replied that they had been brought down last session and laid before the members and in some way had been lost in the house.

Hon. Mr. Eberts introduced "An Act Respecting Master and Servant;" also "An Act for the Incorporation and Regulation of Trading Companies." The second reading of the first mentioned was fixed for to-day and of the other on Wednesday.

A message was received from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor for the consideration of the legislature correcting an ambiguity supposed to exist in the British Columbia Southern Railway Act. by striking out the letter "C" and adding the word "and" between "A" and "B." The effect will be to make plain that the company's land grant only extends from the eastern boundary of the province to Kootenay Lake, and does not extend over that portion of the line running to the coast.

The announcement was made that the private bills committee sit to-day at 10 a.m. Mr. Booth was placed on the committee as a substitute for Mr. Hunter, and Mr. Sword as a substitute for Mr. Williams.

Adjournment was reached shortly before 4 o'clock.

NOTICES.

By Dr. Walkem, to move on Wednesday—That in the opinion of this house a tax upon mortgages is one, which bears unequally upon different classes of society.

By Mr. Cotton—That an order be granted for a return showing: 1—The number of certificates of title which have been issued in the several land registry offices since the land registry act came into force. 2—The number of certificates of indefeasible title which have been issued at the same offices during the same period.

By Mr. Sword—To amend Mr. Hume's resolution re Land Registry office by adding (b) the particulars of each lot so transferred; (c) the amount of fees collected on such transfers.

By Mr. Kidd—That an order of the house be granted for a return showing how many of the settlers on what are known as the Burnaby Small Holdings have complied with the conditions on which they were allowed to enter upon the lands; also for any reports and correspondence relating to these settlers and their holdings which the government has in its possession.

By Mr. Huff—Will ask the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works what steps were taken in respect to a motion of this house passed on the 27th February, 1896, with regard to the protection of the banks of the Cowichan river. What action was taken by the Dominion government with respect thereto.

Hon. the Premier, to move on Wednesday—That a select committee of the house be appointed consisting of the Hon. Attorney-General, Mr. C. A. Semlin and the mover for a resolution of congratulation to Her Majesty on having attained the longest reign of any sovereign in the history of the British Empire.

By Mr. Adams—Whereas there are large quantities of ore sent out of the province for the purpose of being smelted and reduced, and whereas the reduction of such ore in the province would give employment to a large number of workmen and would help business generally. Therefore, be it resolved, that a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor requesting him to press upon the Dominion government the desirability of placing an export duty on all ores going out of the country, such export duty to take effect one year from the date of this resolution.

away from the meeting with the conviction that the whole of the Victoria youth were in future to be educated for the professions—at the expense of the taxpayers.

Over taxation at the present moment is my burden, like many others, and I often wonder what the taxes would be if all the children in Victoria went to the public schools. The well-to-do do not send their children there, and a very large number, from religious scruples, do not, yet they are all taxed for the public schools. That the teachers should should be paid according to their positions is undoubtedly the desire of all taxpayers. Yet, that young girls, fresh from a class, should draw the high salaries they do is a crying evil. We no longer live in boom times, nor in the good old days—shop girls, many of them equally as well educated as junior teachers, get but a fraction of the salaries paid teachers.

The whole civic machine requires an overhauling, the present city council ought to positively refuse the demands of the school trustees, and thus bring the question of irresponsible expenditure to a crisis. As a rule the councils have not the back bone to protect the taxpayers, whose interests they are sworn to protect. Why should not the whole question of civic expense be put on a level with the unfortunate TAXPAYER?

Victoria, Feb. 14, 1897.

TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION.

TO THE EDITOR:—Fair Play has a short and pithy article on representation without taxation, in your issue of Sunday, and I quite agree with what he says: "Taxation without representation is not popular in this progressive age," and yet it is a fact in Victoria. Fair Play, however, has only looked at the question from his own standpoint. There are in this city many who pay heavy taxes but who are not eligible for the position of either mayor or alderman, not because they do not own sufficient real estate nor pay sufficient taxes, simply because, unfortunately, they are women. "This may be law, but it is not justice. What we want is more justice and less law. Ratepayers, what think you?" JUSTICE.

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R. P. RITHET.

4th February, 1897. fe5

NOTICE.

In the Matter of the Estate of William Johnson, Deceased.

All persons indebted to the estate of the above named William Johnson, deceased, are hereby required forthwith to pay, and all persons having any claim against the said estate are required to send particulars thereof duly verified, to the undersigned not later than the 20th day of February, A D. 1897, after which date the Executors will proceed to distribute the estate, having regard to those claims only of which they shall have had notice.

Tenders for the purchase of section ninety-two (92) Lake District, the property of the deceased, one acre of which was, by instrument in writing, dated the 8th day of March, 1890, leased to George A. Perrin, with an option of purchase in the event of the sale of the remainder of the said property, at a price per acre equal to the highest price per acre obtained for the balance of the said property, which said instrument was by deed dated 21st December, 1891, assigned to William McKeon, Jr., will also be received up to the said 20th day of February, addressed to DRAKE, JACKSON & HELMCKEN, Solicitors for the Executors. ja19

Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, at its next sitting, for the passage of an act to incorporate a Company to be called "The Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company," to construct, equip and operate a line of railway from some point on Burrard Inlet or English Bay to New Westminster; thence eastward through the valley of the Fraser River and the southern part of British Columbia, by the most direct and feasible route, to the Town of Rossland, with power to amalgamate with, lease, purchase or otherwise acquire the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley Railway Company, or any railway, or portion of a railway, either as a branch of or part of such main line; to build a branch line or lines from the City of New Westminster to some point on the coast line between the International Boundary Line and Point Garry, and such other branch lines as may be deemed advisable; to construct and maintain steamers, ferries, wharves and docks; to make traffic and operating arrangements with other railway lines, and to construct, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines for other than railway purposes.

A. L. BELYEA,
de16 Solicitor for the Applicants.

In the Matter of the Land Registry Act.

And in the Matter of the Title to Lot 994, in the City of Victoria.

Notice is hereby given that Gustav Sutro will be registered as the owner in fee of the above mentioned lot at the expiration of three calendar months from this date if no objection be made to the contrary within that time by some person claiming title to the same.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General of Titles.

Land Registry Office, Victoria,
January 19th, 1897. ja19

Estate of William Gibson, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Alonzo S. Taylor, of Everett, State of Washington, U.S, by order of the Hon. Mr. Justice Walkem, has been appointed to administer, within the Province of British Columbia, the estate of the abovenamed deceased, who died at Monte Cristo, Snohomish County, State of Washington, on the 22nd day of December, 1895.

All debts owing to the said estate are to be paid, and all claims against the said estate are to be presented duly verified, to the undersigned.

Dated this 24th day of November, 1896.

SAMUEL D. SCHULTZ,
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no25 Solicitor for the Administrator.

NOTICE

We hereby give notice that application will be made at the next sittings of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria for the transfer of the license to sell spirituous and fermented liquors by retail at the Saint George's Hotel, Esquimalt Road, from ourselves to Mrs. Ann Rothwell.

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NOTICE.

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Lots 260, 261 and 262, Group 1, East Kootenay District, containing in the aggregate 2,680 acres

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Each tender must be accompanied by a certified bank cheque to cover the cost of survey, $800.00, the first year's rental, $402.00, and the amount of the bonus tendered. The cheques will be at once returned to unsuccessful competors.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 20th January, 1897. ja17

India Relief Fund.

In response to the following telegram from His Excellency, the Governor-General of Canada:

OTTAWA, 23rd January, 1897.

To His Honor; the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, Victoria, B.C.:

After consultation with Dominion Ministry, I have undertaken to receive and to transmit contributions from all parts of the Dominion, in aid of the distress in India, and I trust I may have Your Honor's support and co-operation in this national expression of sympathy.

[Signed] ABERDEEN,
Governor-General.

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CHARLES E. REDFERN,
ja29 Mayor.

NOTICES.

[L.S.] E. DEWDNEY.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our Faithful the members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia at Our City of Victoria—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

D. M. Eberts, Attorney-General.

WHEREAS We are desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our people of Our Province of British Columbia, and to have their advice in Our Legislature:

NOW KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to hereby convoke, and by these presents enjoin you, and each of you, that on Monday, the Eighth day of the month of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which in Our Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, by the Common Council of Our said Province may, by the favor of God, be ordained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable EDGAR DEWDNEY, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this 29th day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and in the sixtieth year of Our Reign.

By command.

JAMES BAKER,
de31 Provincial Secretary.

NOTICE.

Assessment Act and Provincial Revenue Tax.

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with the Statutes, that Provincial Revenue Tax and all taxes levied under the Assessment Act are now due for the year 1897. All of the above named taxes collectible within Victoria City, South Victoria and Esquimalt Electoral Districts, North Saanich, Rupert, Sayward, Quatsino, Coast and Queen Charlotte Island Land Districts, with parts of Barclay and Clayoquot Districts assessed by me, are payable at my office.

Assessed taxes are collectible at the following rates, viz:—

Four-fifths of one per cent. on the assessed value of real estate, other than wild land.

Three quarters of one per cent. on the assessed value of personal property.

On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars the following rates, namely: Upon such excess, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and three-quarters of one per cent.

Three per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.

If paid on or before the 30th day of June, 1897:

Three-fifths of one per cent. on the assessed value of real estate, other than wild land.

One-half of one per cent. on the assessed value of personal property.

Upon such excess of income when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.

Two and one-half per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.

Provincial Revenue Tax, $3.00 per capita (residents of Victoria City excepted.)

CORNELIUS BOOTH,
Assessor and Collector.
January 2nd, 1897. ja12

LIGHT WRAPS.

Spangled and Embroidered Capes For Summer Wear—Jeweled Trimmings.

As many women do not like to appear in the street without a wrap of some kind, many diverse forms of the cape have appeared for warm weather wear. Practically they amount to nothing, but they serve to keep up the appearance of wearing an outside garment. Composed of the most diaphanous materials, they approximate usually to the Louis Quinze styles and are of nature permitting them to be worn with almost any gown. Black silk gauze, mousseline de soie, chiffon and net compose many of these garments. Sometimes they are unlined; again they are made over silk of a delicate tint that need not match the dress. A pretty variation is the Marie Antoinette fichu, entirely of changeable taffeta, edged with wide ruffles and tied behind with long, sashlike ends.

Some of the more elaborate capes are embroidered all over with fine jewels—spangles of metal, pearl and paste. This ornamentation is not confined to wraps, but is seen on tulle, lace and other light stuffs employed for evening gowns. White

SUMMER WRAP.

jewels are preferred to colored ones, the latter being considered less elegant. Instead of paste jewels, concave spangles are sometimes used, which are less expensive and lighter, yet give almost the same effect.

Linon has had and continues to have an immense vogue. It is seen in plain, flowered, embroidered, openwork and plaided varieties, the latter having silk threads run through it, and now there is a new sort shown, called silk linon, the silk and flax being woven together.

An illustration is given of one of the newest models of light wraps. It is of taffeta and has full, short sleeves like a bodice. The neck, opening in V shape, has a full ruche, and the long ends of the mantle in front are bordered with fine plaiting. The wrap is held in at the waist by a belt with clasps. JUDIC CHOLLET.

TAFFETA GOWNS.

Some Prognostics of Fall and Winter Fashions—Torchon Lace For Linon Gowns.

Taffeta gowns are charmingly trimmed with gauze and embroidered tulle, and among favorite white costumes is white silk, covered with white tulle and having paste buckles and buttons.

Torchon lace is again seen and affords a change from valenciennes as a trimming for ecru linen gowns and bodices. Capes of linon very much furbelowed and adorned with bows are a feature of the season.

Changeable taffeta composes some very charming gowns, as do flowered silks. Another style is having a decided success. This is a taffeta with wide stripes of color, separated by a faille band in white, covered with a small design. The variations on this idea are numerous.

It is said that many elegant costumes for fall and winter will be composed of wool goods. These gowns, often of cloth, will be very light colored by preference, and will be enriched with embroidery, fancy galloons, heavy guipure, ecru lace and fine buttons. The collar, revers and belt will be of darker plain or fancy velvet, usually of a contrasting color—green

CREPE DE CHINE COSTUME.

on pale gray, French or peacock blue on white, maroon on light beige, black, violet or pansy on mastic and ecru shades.

The fashion of white costumes is to be prolonged into cool weather, muslin, pique and foulard being replaced by heavier fabrics, such as mohair, rough wools and cloth.

It is proposed to vary autumn skirts by straps, buttoned flaps and applications of embroidery and lace associated with velvet.

The illustration shows a gown of pale lilac crepe de chine. The skirt is full and has a pointed application of richelieu embroidery at the top, a narrow galloon bordering the extreme foot of the skirt. The bodice has lengthwise applications of embroidery, the guimpe of plain crepe de chine being full. The edge of the guimpe is covered with gold passementerie. The sleeves have three frills at the top and a ruffle of white gauze at the wrists. The neck ruche is also of white gauze.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

How They Did Long Ago.

An auction of unmarried women used to be held annually in ancient Babylon and was so arranged that no woman should be left without a mate. The beautiful maidens were sold to the highest bidders and the plain ones were furnished with dowries.

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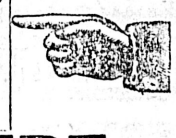

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A question I am often asked is how it is that I, a woman, can earn $10,000 fees when so many of my sex, who are highly educated and energetic, are unable to earn a living and are being supported by others. People wonder if I am not different from other women, if my temperament and mentality are not unusual. I do not think so. For the information of these and others who may take an interest in the career of a woman who has made something of a success in life I will give some of the outlines of my beginnings. As a girl I had an ambition to acquire knowledge for its own sake. Dissatisfied with the education which I obtained in my country home, I commenced the study of Greek while teaching a little country school up among the hills of New Hampshire. I fitted for college under great disadvantages, but was able finally to enter Bates college at Lewiston, Me., in 1880. I paid my way through that institution, graduating with honor four years later, with the degree of B. A.

However, the study and the work necessary to secure the funds to pay the expenses of the course had broken down my health, and I was ill with nervous prostration for nearly a year and a half.

Convinced that a knowledge of law would be of great service to one in attending to one's own business affairs, I borrowed lawbooks and read them at first with this end only in view. Gradually, however, I became more and more absorbed in the study, and having obtained catalogues from the great law schools I took a regular course of reading. My funds failed me about this time, and I accepted a position as professor of rhetoric and elocution in an Iowa normal college. Three years later I came to Helena, where I continued to teach. Instead of a vacation, I spent my summer in a law office, and that decided me in selecting my career. Resigning my position, I was soon able to pass my examination and was admitted to the bar. Here arose an obstacle, however, which taxed my best efforts to surmount. Women were not allowed to practice, and I introduced and worked for a bill which after great opposition was passed, and I was permitted to put up my sign and appear in court as a full fledged attorney at law. I was the first and am the only woman lawyer in Montana. I have been unusually successful in my profession and have earned large fees. Whether I received the largest fee ever paid a woman lawyer I do not know. One was of $10,000, and others were in the form of mining property the value of which I cannot give, but which is undoubtedly very valuable. In politics, while I have never sought office, I have received distinction. Four years ago I was nominated on the Populist ticket for attorney general, and it was three weeks after the election before it was known which candidate had been successful. My successful opponent appointed me his assistant, and I have held the office ever since. The general and I were married a little over a year ago. No such outcome of the matter was contemplated by either of us at the time of my appointment, I am sure.

This year I was elected a delegate to the Populist convention at St. Louis, being the first woman ever so honored in Montana. I am also a member of the national committee. In answer to numerous requests for advice on the subject, I will say that I think that the vocation of law is a good one for women who are willing to work early and late in the interests of their clients, and who will give attention to details, no matter how unimportant they may seem to be. A woman taking up the profession of law should have a logical and reasoning mind. She should have a good education and should have already learned the indispensable lesson of how to concentrate the entire mind force on the work in hand. She should also possess a good share of sound common sense.

With these qualifications a woman should succeed in law as well as a man, but when we think of the great number of men who never attain success we must not be surprised if women, bright and clever though they may be, should also fail. ELLA KNOWLES HASKELL.

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THE TOWN OF GRAND FORKS Has sprung into existence within the last year; early in the spring the place consisted of a few houses. Owing to the rapid opening of the Mines and the travel and traffic consequent on between 4,000 and 6,000 claims having been located, there are now estimated to be over 200 houses and 500 people residing in the town. The principal buildings consist of a three-story and several two-story Hotels, General Stores, Butchers, Bakers, Post Office, The Grand Forks Miner Newspaper Office, Brewery, Assembly Rooms, &c., &c., and all the usual Dry Goods, Millinery, Furniture and other businesses, which with several fine dwellings go to make up a busy town. Surveyors, Lawyers, Assayers, Real Estate Agents, Share and Mine Brokers are now established in business in this place.

AN APPLICATION Is now pending to the Provincial Legislature for an Act of Incorporation, and notices given of two separate Private Bills for Water, Electric Light and Power Companies, also Telephone, Water, etc. All in connecction with and to supply the Town of Grand Forks and Suburbs.

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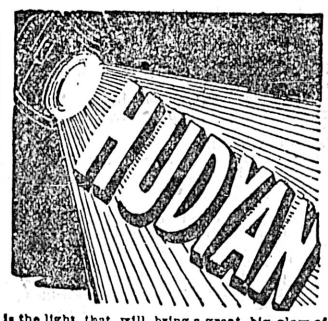

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NOTICES.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Dominion Parliament at its next sitting for a private bill to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing, equipping, maintaining, and operating a railway from a point on the south boundary line of British Columbia, between the 134th and 136th degrees of Longitude, at the head of Lynn Canal, and thence northerly and westerly by the most feasible route to the north boundary line of British Columbia, with power to construct maintain, and operate branch lines and all necessary bridges, ferries, and wharves, and construct, own, and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to build, own, and operate steam and other vessels, to take and use water for generating electricity and other purposes, and to acquire foreshore rights and lands for the right of way, station grounds, and other necessities, and to acquire lands and other bonuses or aids from the Government of Canada and British Columbia, or from any municipality, corporation, or person, to aid in the construction of the said railway, and make traffic and other arrangements with other railway companies or persons, and for all other usual and necessary powers and privileges, and also for power to levy a royalty on all precious metals passing outwards over the said road when constructed.

Dated at the City of Victoria, British Columbia, this 19th day of August, 1896.

DRAKE JACKSON & HELMCKEN,
Solicitors for Applicants.
Victoria, B. C. au23

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining a railway of standard or narrow guage from a point on the Stickeen river to a point on or near Dease Lake, in the District of Cassiar, with power to extend to the northern and eastern confines of British Columbia, and to construct and operate branch lines, and telegraph and telephone lines, and to construct and maintain wharves, docks, warehouses, and to expropriate lands for the above purposes, together with all other usual, necessary or incidental powers in the premises.

DUMBLETON & INNES,
Solicitors and Agents for Applicants.
Victoria, B.C., January, 1897. ja8

The Lanark Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company, Limited L'y.

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the share and stockholders of the above-named Company will be held at the registered offices of such company, situate at 163 Cordova street, in the city of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, on the 6th day of March, 1897, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing resolutions authorizing the above-named company to sell and dispose of the whole or any part or portion of its property and assets.

Dated this 6th day of February, 1897.

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Esquimalt Station, Feb. 14, 1897.
Report for 24 hours ending 9 p.m.

1 a.m..	38·	Mean 40·	The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m..	38·		
9 a.m..	40.	Highest 44·	5 a.m.—Calm. 1 p.m.—8 S. 9 p.m.—Calm.
1 p.m..	43·		
5 p.m..	43·	Lowest 37·	Rain—.11. No Sunshine.
9 p.m..	42·		

Barometer 9 a. m.... {Observed .... 29.715 Reduced..... 29.707

Esquimalt Station, Feb. 15, 1897.
Report for 24 hours ending 9 p.m.

1 a.m..	41·	Mean 42	The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m..	44·		
9 a.m..	44·	Highest 47·	5 a.m.—24 S.E. 1 p.m.—24 S.E. 9 p.m.—28 S.
1 p.m.	42·		
5 p.m..	42·	Lowest 37·	Rain—1.50. Sun—2 h. 30 m.
9 p.m..	39.		

Barometer 9 a.m... {Observed .....29.460 Reduced 29.446

E. Baynes Reed, Observer.

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Tyson—In this city, on the 15th inst., at his residence, 42 Henry street, Rock Bay, James Tyson, a native of Lauder, Scotland, aged 62 years.

Due notice of funeral will be given.

Doscher—At his residence, 190 Yates street, on the 14th inst., Henry Walter Doscher, in his 70th year, a native of London, Eng.

Funeral at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, 17th inst., from residence as above. Friends please accept this intimation.

FOR FLOWER MEMORIALS that will last, call at Bradbury's Monumental Works, Cormorant street, one block above the City Hall.

DEFAULTER CAPTURED.

A Seattle Brewery Cashier Arrested in Vancouver—The Result of a Spree.

Vancouver, Feb. 15.—(Special)—Eugene Fisher, a Seattle brewery cashier, said to have been $3,000 short in his accounts, was arrested here yesterday. Fisher registered at the Commercial hotel as C. Steen. The well known thief catcher Haywood put the handcuffs on Fisher in a house of ill-repute. Fisher says he wandered here as the result of a spree and his books are all right.

1897 model Rambler bicycles now on view at Weiler Bros. x

You should have a pair of those $1.25 made to order pants which Marks is making; they are cheap. 111 and 113 Government street is the place. x

TEXADA ISLAND MINES.

Operations of Considerable Magnitude Under Vigorous Prosecution—Some Prominent Properties.

[From the Nanaimo Free Press.]

Mr. A. Dick, Inspector of Mines, returned yesterday from an official trip to some of the leading properties on Texada Island. Mr. Dick, accompanied by two or three others, started from the Iron mine about 9 o'clock on Thursday morning, and having passed the Lorindale and Nutcracker, neither of which are working at present, visited Mr. A. Raper's Victoria, where a shaft is now down 70 feet on the ledge. Nine men are working at this mine, and everything is looking well. Quite a settlement of cabins and other buildings has already risen on this property and the place has quite an air of activity.

From the Victoria the party crossed to the Raven, on the Northeast coast of the island, and only a short distance from salt water. The Raven is a comparatively new property but promises much. In the way of development there is one tunnel in 60 feet and another in 110 feet, neither of which, however, tap the ledge. A shaft is down 14 feet on the ledge, which is 9 feet wide, with strikingly defined walls. Work is going ahead rapidly on this property, which is one of the most promising on the island. The ore, though of a different character than the Van Anda and containing less copper, compares very favorably with the ore from that property.

The Van Anda, which is near the north end of the island and about two miles from the Raven, was visited last. This property is being constantly improved by the bringing in of new appliances and the building of roads and buildings. A large boarding house has recently been erected at the mine, and the hoist and pumps are worked by steam. Work is going on constantly and shipments are being made frequently. A large shipment is expected down by the City of Nanaimo next week.

The party were met by the boat near the Van Anda mine, and from there returned to Union.

RETURNS BROUGHT DOWN.

Hon. Mr. Turner Gives the Information Asked for by Mr. Helmcken's Resolution.

The following is the return presented by Hon. Mr. Turner in response to an order of the house for detailed statement of all expenses in connection with the floating of the loan authorized by the British Columbia Loan Act of 1895:

Commissions, etc., paid in London on negotiation of loan, 1895, viz:		
Sundry persons, 2 per cent. on guarantee of £400,000	$40,740 00	
Woolston & Beeton, ¼ per cent. for management on £420,000	5,092 50	
Sundry brokers, ¼ per cent. on application for £385,600	4,675 40	
Bank of British Columbia, ¼ per cent. on issue of £420,000	5,092 50	
Commission on checks from country subscribers	46 58	
Stamps on scrip	46 36	
Commutation stamp duty, ¾ per cent. on £420,000	12,731 25	
Sundry persons, 2 per cent. rebate on prepayment of calls	2,646 02	
	$71,070 61	
Less, premium on exchange from London on the balance of loan remitted to Victoria	$ 5,277 95	$65,792 66
Paid disbursements for printing, advertising, cablegrams, legal and notarial fees	1,812 45	1,812 45
		$67,605 11

Note—The commutation stamp duty, $12,731.25, although included in the above is applicable to all loans and should be considered a specific charge, which, if deducted, would show net expenses, $54,873.86.

Fares to London and return, including two trips to Ottawa and Montreal		$ 394 00
Cab fare, porterage, telegrams, etc		88 36
Per diem allowance, viz., 196 days, including payment of secretary during illness, at $10	$1,960	
Less 57 days, personal matters	570	1,390 00
		$1,872 36

Note—The time occupied from 29th of March to 12th October, 1895, included attending to matters in London in connection with the release of a portion of the sinking fund and two trips between Ottawa and Montreal on departmental business.

INDIAN FAMINE FUND.

Latest Contributions—Offering of the Children of Mayne Island.

Among the subscriptions received yesterday towards the national Indian famine relief fund, was one in connection with which the appended note to His Honor Lieut.-Governor Dewdney, was enclosed:

Mayne Island, Feb. 12.

Sir:—You will find enclosed four dollars, amount contributed towards the Indian famine fund by the children attending the Mayne Island public school. It is not much, but I can assure you, sir, it is given with that childish love and compassion flowing from their loyal little hearts towards their unfortunate brothers and sisters in distress. I remain, etc.

(Sd.) James W. Sinclair, teacher.

In addition to the above there have been subscribed to the Colonist list $1 from H. S. C., and $5 from K. S. P.; to the Bank of Montreal list $5 from F. Macrae; to the Bank of B.N.A. $5 from Leonard H. Sorby; to the city hall list $5 from Thomas Shotbolt; and to the Bank of British Columbia list $10 from W. H. Lobb.

Sheffield cutlery; all kinds in stock at Fox's, 78 Gov't. A fine line of razor strops just arrived. x

SURVEYORS AT SUPPER

Members of the Provincial Land Surveyors' Association in Annual Convention.

Business Concluded, the Session Closes With a Banquet at the Poodle Dog.

At the Victoria city hall yesterday afternoon, the Association of Provincial Land Surveyors of British Columbia held their sixth annual meeting, disposing of the business of the year with little waste of time and afterwards employing several hours in the consideration of technical subjects of great importance to the profession though of little interest to the many who make up the "general public." Mr. James F. Garden, the 1896 president, occupied the chair until the annual election of officers had resulted in the choice of Mr. A. S. Farwell, of Nelson, as his successor, associated with Mr. Farwell as the association's officers of 1897, being: Mr. H. T. Twigge, of New Denver, vice-president; Mr. James McGregor, of Victoria, secretary-treasurer; and Messrs. T. S. Gore, Victoria; H. M. Burwell, Vancouver; and E. B. Hermon, Vancouver, executive committee.

General business was for the most part completed prior to the noon adjournment. Afterwards Surveyor-General Tom Kains read a highly instructive paper with reference to the proper method of preparing returns for the lands and works department—including the interpretation of portions of the Mineral act applying directly to those employed on survey work—a subject upon which no one in British Columbia is better informed than himself.

This was followed with an address, or rather an informal, practical talk upon underground surveying in connection with mines, by the provincial mineralogist, Mr. W. A. Carlyle, who in the course of his remarks dealt at length with the best and most modern instruments available for this new and interesting branch of the surveyor's work, so radically different from the more common and more generally understood departments of the profession.

Discussion took place on each of these address, and reports were also presented and debated in respect to the application of certain parts of the Mineral Act, and the preparation of instructions for surveyors at the Lands and Works office—these matters and their disposition taking up the afternoon.

In the evening the yearly reunion, which is so characteristic and pleasing a feature of the annual meeting, was held at the Poodle Dog, whose proprietors did everything possible to make the banquet a credit to the old-established house and a source of satisfaction to the banqueters. The company was a distinguished and a merry one, and with toast and song and sentiment the hours came all too quickly that brought the sixth annual meeting to a close.

The toast card was itself a model of originality and good humor, especially applicable to the occasion. It was designed by Mr. Mackay, who had surrounded the customary information as to toast, proposer and maker of response, with a little end-of-the-century suggestion. For example the heading, "Association of Provincial Land Surveyors of British Columbia," was enclosed in a neat scroll and had below an illustration of 1897 surveying methods—the surveyor at work with the theodolite being mounted on the ever-present bicycle and the picketman being also similarly mounted. The chain between affords suitable decoration.

The side ornamentation was equally neat, and the card as a whole highly creditable to the artistic taste and originality of the designer. Its contents give a brief outline of the proceedings after the tables had been cleared and the divertissement commenced:

"The Queen"—Proposed by President Garden.

"The Province"—Proposed by Mr. R. E. Palmer, and acknowledged by members of the provincial cabinet.

"Our Mines"—Proposed by Mr. E. B. Hermon, and replid to by Mr. W. A. Carlyle.

Camp Fire Yarns.

"The Iron Horse"—Proposed by Mr. W. S. Drewry, and acknowledged by Mr. G. H. Shaw and others.

Song by Mr. R. E. Palmer.

"The Departmental Service"—Proposed by Mr. J. H. McGregor, and responded to by Surveyor-General Tom Kains.

Song by Mr. W. H. Holmes.

"The press"—Proposed by the Surveyor-General, Mr. Kaines, and acknowledged by the representatives of the local dailies and Mr. W. A. Jowett, of the Nelson Miner.

"That Reminds Me," Mr. H. M. Burwell.

"The New Officers"—Proposed by Mr. I. Garden.

Songs and music.

"The Ladies"—Proposed by Mr. H. F. Twigg and acknowledged on their behalf by Mr. W. H. Holmes.

Sunday evening's sacred concert in St. Andrew's R. C. cathedral filled the church to its capacity. The programme was rendered under the conductorship of the choir leader, Mr. C. A. Lombard, and was greatly appreciated. It showed an aggregation of talent capable of the best classical work. Miss E. Wilson sang for the last time in public at this concert, and the other artists of the evening were Miss McNiff, Mr. Thomas, Mrs. R. E. Gosnell, Miss Lombard, Mr. Shedden, Mr. Sehl, Mr. F. Lang, Mr. E. A. Wolff, Mr. Grizelle, Messrs. A. and B. Bantley, Mr. C. E. B. Lombard and Mrs. Lombard.

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FEAR HE IS DROWNED.

The Latest Theory as To the Disappearance of Frank La Rochelle.

The police, who have been prosecuting energetic inquiries in the hope of locating Frank La Rochelle, are apparently no nearer the object of their quest than at the hour he was first missed, and the theory now is that his body will in time be recovered from the waters of the harbor.

La Rochelle, who is a prosperous young mining man 25 years of age, came here from Lillooet with George Lasker and James McKnight and registered at the Oriental on the 5th inst. On the Wednesday following he borrowed $38 from one of his friends, the loan being merely a temporary accommodation, as he had plenty of money in the bank, and proceeded to see the city sights.

The last seen of him was early in the morning hours, when he was noticed going down Yates street in the direction of the Oriental. A little later the same morning several waterfront men heard, or believed they heard, a cry as from someone struggling with death in the harbor, and it is this that leads to the conjecture that LaRochelle may so have met his death.

Unable to obtain news of their friend through the usual channels, Mr. Lasker and his companion yesterday offered a reward of $50 for information as to LaRochelle's whereabouts—be he dead or alive. They also furnish the appended description: Frank La Rochelle, a half-breed, 25 years of age; is 5 feet 10 inches in height; weighs 160 lbs.; and when last seen was dressed in a black suit of clothes, with grey topcoat and wearing a soft felt hat.

PERSONAL.

M. Strouss returned on Sunday from a visit to the Mainland.

D. J. Munn, of New Westminster, and R. T. Daniel, of Trail, are among late arrivals at the Driard.

Geo. B. McAulay, secretary of the Cariboo Mining Co., is registered from camp McKinney at the Driard.

F. W. Fawcett and bride, the latter a young Toronto lady, arrived from the East last night to take up their residence in Victoria.

Mose Wise, manager of the "Devil's Auction" company, with the thirty-three other members of his organization, are registered at the Dominion.

Captain Black, manager of the Omineca Hydraulic Co., leaves on Thursday for the company's property in the North.

MORRIS' GRAND GUESSING CONTEST
Every purchaser of 25 cents worth of goods is entitled to one guess at the WEIGHT OF THE LUMP OF ORE displayed in the window.
The Nearest Guess Entitled to $50.00
Second " " " $25.00
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Contest open till the 30th April, 1897.
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Peter Metre Learns at a Cost of $108—The Meaning of a Dear Old Song.

The proprietor of the elite restaurant on the east side of Government street, Mr. Peter Metre, has discovered definitely and with suitable illustrations what is meant by "woman's winning way." It cost him his watch, a ring and a pretty scarf pin, of an aggregate value of $108, to learn, this being the total amount of the winning in the case in point.

Ella H. Russell was the instructress and the story that Peter himself relates of the modus operandi shows the lady to have been an adept in the game of bunco, with a fin-de-siecle nerve running 29,166 ounces to the ton. He devoted Sunday evening to making the lady enjoy herself; drank not wisely but withal enthusiastically; and awoke yesterday morning lonely and without the cheerful companionship of his jewelry, but with sufficient suggestion of the night just past to effectually disprove that he had lost his head.

Then he rounded up his comrade of the evening before and accused her of having misappropriated his watch and valuables. That is what he meant—"touched me for m' ticker and m' ring," was the way he expressed it. But, to continue the dialect, Ella wasn't fazed for a little minute.

Of course she had taken the things, she said, but it was only because she feared some bad, dishonest person would "go tro' him." She had left them with a friend to take care of, and all Peter had to do was to go and get them.

Then was the heart of the restaurant-teur filled with rejoicing, and mingling apologies with various paraphrases all indicative of an opinion that Ella was herself a jewel, he left her to call upon the friend named as the custodian of the vanished treasures. In the meantime Ella H. Russell boarded the Topeka and set sail for the land of the midnight sun.

Of course the friend disclaimed all knowledge of the jewelry, and in the wind that whistles from the land of the aurora borealis Metre can almost hear the voice of the Syren in the sweet words of the old song:

"Do, do, my huckleberry, do."

AS WELL AS EVER.

A Brickmaker Listens to Reason—Uses Six Boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills and Tells it.

Brockville, Feb. 13. (Special)—Mr. W. H. Odell, perhaps one of the best known citizens of this town has lately recovered from a long continued and painful kidney ailment. He tells the story of his experience to the correspondent as follows:—

"I have suffered for over a year from kidney disease, the pain in my back being so severe that I was unable to stand to my work."

"Noticing the published cures of what Dodd's Kidney Pills were doing for others I concluded to use them."

"Having used only six boxes I can say that I am perfectly cured and well so that I can attend to business as well as ever I could."

After fifteen weary years of battling with a fatal malady, Henry W. Doscher, of Yates street, yesterday passed peacefully into rest. He was a native of London, Eng., 70 years of age at the time of his demise, and was one of Victoria's first citizens, having come to this city at the time the San Juan boundary dispute was made an end of, rather than remain a resident under the Stars and Stripes. A widow survives the late Mr. Doscher, and he leaves also two daughters, Miss Doscher and Mrs. W. Adams.

Hungarian flour, $1.35 per sack at Johns Bros., Douglas street. x